

II. Remarks

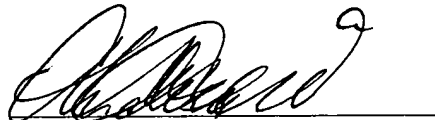
In the non-final Restriction/Election Office Action dated January 10, 2007, the Examiner stated that the claims are subject to a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 according to the following:

- I. Claims 1-15;
- II. Claims 16-23; and
- III. Claims 24-27.

While Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner, Applicants elect claim group I, claims 1-15.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application. If there are any questions concerning this response, Applicants invite the Examiner to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

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